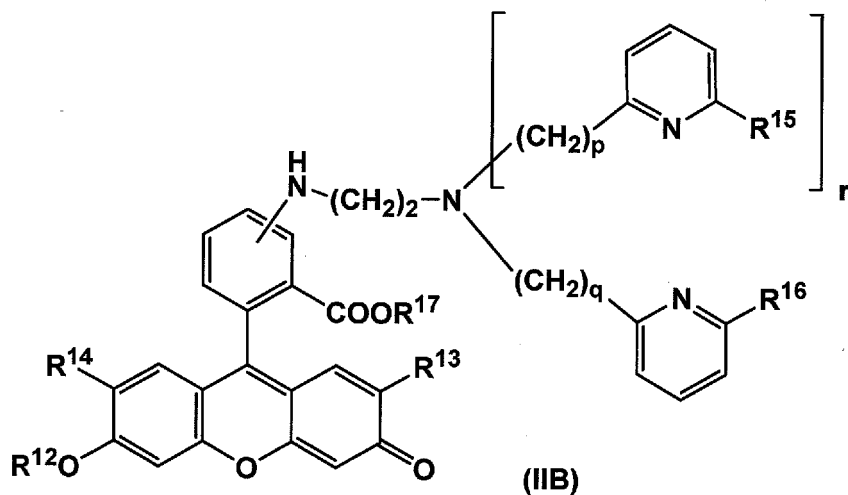
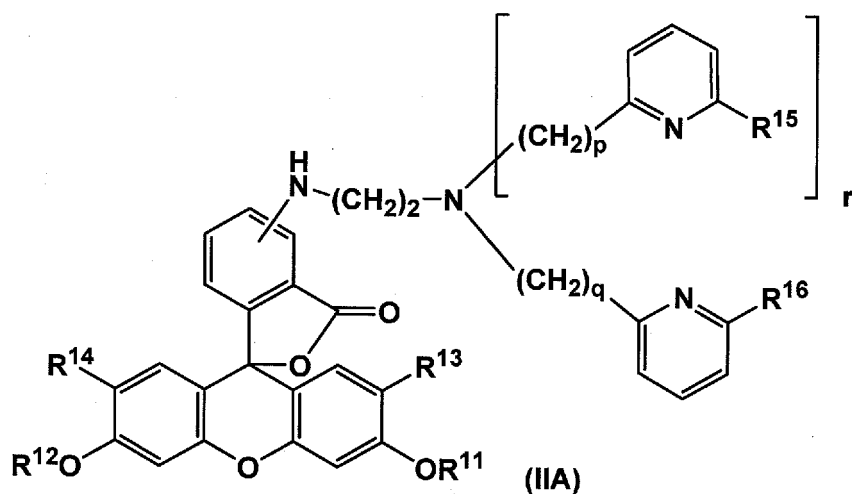


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, penultimate line to page 4, line 7, with the following amended paragraph

As a preferred embodiment of the aforementioned invention, provided is a compound represented by the following general formula (IIA) or (IIB) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkylcarbonyl group, or an alkylcarbonyloxymethyl group; R^{13} and R^{14} independently represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; R^{15} and R^{16} independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R^{17} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; p and q independently represent 1 or 2; and r represents 0 or 1, provided that when r is 1, excluded is the compound wherein R^{15} and R^{16} are simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and p and q are simultaneously 1, and when r is 0, q is 2, and the 2-pyridylalkyl group on the nitrogen is replaced by a hydrogen atom.